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AIR FREIGHT UP 21.9% IN FEBRUARY

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 31--Air freight increased 21.9 percent in February, compared to February a year ago, for the 22 airlines reporting cargo data to the Air Transport Association.

Domestic air freight in February rose 15.9 percent. Mail increased 4.2 percent. Total domestic cargo, including freight and mail, registered a 13.0 percent gain.

International air freight of the U.S. carriers in February was up 29.3 percent. Mail increased 3.8 percent, and total international cargo gained 26.5 percent.

In the first two months of this year, domestic air freight rose 17.3 percent. Mail had a gain of 3.8 percent, and total cargo grew 13.9 percent.

The U.S. airlines' international air freight during the first two months of 1988 was up 31.5 percent. Mail gained 5.0 percent, and total cargo rose 28.4 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
FEBRUARY 1988	350,826	103,055	453,881	320,855	32,337	353,192	671,681	807,073
FEBRUARY 1987	302,645	98,863	401,508	248,146	31,143	279,289	550,791	680,797
PERCENT CHANGE	15.9	4.2	13.0	29.3	3.8	26.5	21.9	18.5
2 MONTHS 1988	701,460	210,672	912,132	621,430	66,326	687,756	1,322,890	1,599,888
2 MONTHS 1987	598,046	202,930	800,976	472,527	63,191	535,718	1,070,573	1,336,694
PERCENT CHANGE	17.3	3.8	13.9	31.5	5.0	28.4	23.6	19.7

NOTE: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Jet America, Northwest, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Southwest, TranStar, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.